

THE OCALA EVENING STAR

Weather Forecast: Rain tonight; colder northwest portion; Thursday rain except fair northwest portion; colder in the peninsula.

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COULDN'T INTERFERE WITH COMMISSION

President Wilson Saw No Reason to Stop Its Investigation of the Packers

(Associated Press)
Washington, Feb. 5.—Letters read today at the Senate agricultural committee's hearing on meat industry legislation, disclosed that last February President Wilson made a personal investigation of protests against the Federal Trade Commission's conduct of the packing industry and informed Louis Swift that he was convinced "there could be no warrant for his interfering with the judgment and action of the commission."

IMMIGRATION SHOULD BE SHUT OUT

Urging the House rules committee today to give right of way for the passage of legislation prohibiting immigration for four years, Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor, said there were half a million men in the United States now without employment.

WILL ARRIVE NEXT WEEK

Approximately 13,500 troops are due to arrive next week. They will include a full regiment and two battalions of the Ninety-third division, negroes, the war department announced.

ITS WORK WILL SOON BE OVER

Florida Food Administration Will Cease to Function on February 15th

Orlando, Fla., Feb. 4, 1919.
"I feel it my duty to announce to the people of Florida that all activities of the United States Food Administration terminate in this state on February 15th, 1919.

I hope that relaxation of control by the food administration will not result in unjust speculation or greedy profiteering by Florida merchants. I have faith in their continued loyalty to their state and their country. I believe they are indeed faithful to the nation and the nation's interests.

In my opinion our greatest task is before us, the task of readjustment. Laws should be enacted that will prevent any class of the people having the opportunity to impose on or profiteer at the expense of others. Especially must the government devote itself to keeping the cost of living within the purchasing power of the great masses and to furnishing labor as ever present opportunity of earning and producing.

I further believe that the day has come when the people will frown upon the efforts of any person to disrupt the existing feeling of fellowship and unity between the whole people—political, religious or industrial. The people are happy with peace and are anticipating prosperity and progress. It is the day of the men who build up and go ahead. To preserve our established commercial position we must preserve sound and confident public opinion.

In closing my service as federal food administrator for Florida I look back upon my experiences with a high regard for the fine people of the state, and carry with me the absolute confidence that the same splendid support they have given their country in the past will be continued and know they will heartily co-operate in putting into effect any laws that may be enacted to care for the problems of the reconstruction period.

I take the opportunity to express my great appreciation of the loyal co-operation given the food administration by the people of Florida. Their willing efforts and eager compliance with every request and regulation have made my work much lighter. The people of Florida have more than lived up to the promise I made Mr. Hoover at the beginning of the work, when I told him that he could depend on Florida to do her part in helping to win the war. Braxton Beacham, Federal Food Administrator, Florida.

MISSIONARY TEA

The ladies of the missionary society of the Baptist church will have a tea Thursday afternoon at 3:30 at the home of Mrs. W. T. Gary. All ladies of the church are invited to attend. Our delegates who attended the state convention in Tampa will tell of the meeting there and plans for this year's work will be discussed.

Mrs. J. R. Rogers, Secretary.

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GOING TO VISIT HER SON'S GRAVE

Mrs. Roosevelt Sailed for Europe on the French Liner Lorraine this Morning

(Associated Press)
New York, Feb. 5.—Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt was among the passengers on the French liner Lorraine, which sailed today. Mrs. Roosevelt will visit the grave of her son, Lieut. Quentin Roosevelt, and spend several weeks with her sister, Mrs. Emily Carew, who is doing war work in Italy. While in France she will also see her sons, Lieut. Col. Theodore Roosevelt and Captain Kermit Roosevelt.

SAYS IT IS A SLANDER

General Harts Proves There is No Foundation for Charges Against American Soldiers

Paris, Feb. 4.—(By the Associated Press.)—Reports of widespread lawlessness on the part of the Americans, particularly from the American expeditionary force, are wholly unfounded, declared Brig.-Gen. W. W. Harts, the American commander of the Paris district, in a report submitted to Maj. Gen. J. G. Habbord. The report gives the results of exhaustive investigations of printed and rumored reports of crime and lawlessness and is based on records of the American provost marshal, the French police and other sources. General Harts says that the persistent appearance of newspaper articles accusing the Americans of lawlessness "has led to the impression that there is some anti-American propaganda at work in Paris which some have ascribed to German sources."

Incontrovertible figures show, according to General Harts, that the criminal offenses committed in Paris and ascribed to American soldiers were extremely few in proportion to the number of American soldiers in Paris during that period.

One Paris newspaper recently ascribed to American soldiers a total of thirty-four murders, 250 day and night attacks and 550 "bloody combats" during December. Gen. Harts characterizes this as malicious exaggeration and says the records show that serious offenses committed by Americans during December totaled two cases of assault and battery, three cases of housebreaking and seven cases of disorderly conduct.

FLORIDA RAILROAD COMMISSION AGAIN PROVES ITS FUTILITY

Pensacola, Feb. 5.—The injunction sought by the Florida railroad commission to restrain the postmaster general from putting into effect the new long distance telephone rates in Florida, was dismissed by Judge W. B. Sheppard in federal district court here yesterday. He ruled that he had no jurisdiction to restrain the postmaster general and also dismissed the injunction as to the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Co. on the ground that the resolution of Congress and proclamation of the president divested the company of administrative control of its property.

W. H. ROBERTSON

The many friends of Mr. W. H. Robertson, who passed away at his home a few miles north of this city Sunday night, were much surprised and saddened at his sudden death.

Mr. Robertson and family came from Missouri to make their home among us a few years ago. He was born in Bardonia, Ky., Sept. 8, 1847. He was a member of the W. O. W., also an active member of the Christian church, and was highly respected by all who knew him.

Mr. Robertson had been in poor health for over a year and a few months ago was a victim of influenza, a relapse from that malady causing his death.

Mr. Robertson leaves a wife, son and a daughter to mourn his death. He was a devoted husband and father. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the entire community.

E. C. Jordan & Co. had charge of the funeral arrangements, and the funeral services were held at the Anthony cemetery about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

SPECIAL MEETING

The board of county commissioners will be in session Feb. 14, 1919, having requested the presence of the state legislators and senator to discuss legislation needed for relief from the present convict lease system, and other legislation. They desire all parties interested in road conditions present on that date. 2-7-2f

ALLIANCES WILL NOT BE AFFECTED

British Statesman Says Nations that Stood Together During the War Will Continue in Accord

(Associated Press)
Paris, Feb. 5.—Military intervention in Russia on a large scale will not be thought of, declared British Foreign Secretary Balfour in an interview with newspaper correspondents last night. Mr. Balfour said the great powers are doing everything they considered could be done in dealing with what was characterized as a most disquieting situation. He declared the alliances between various nations would not be affected by the existence of the society of nations now in process of formation.

COMBATING DISEASE

London, Feb. 5.—The virus of trench fever and that of influenza and some forms of nephritis have been isolated and identified, according to a report to the director general of the army medical service in France by army medical officers. Investigations have resulted, it is believed, in the isolation of the germs of mumps, measles and typhus, the causes of which have been obscure and the bacilli of which have never been isolated before.

THE LONDON STRIKE

London, Feb. 5.—There is no improvement today in the strike situation in London. All tubes and underground lines except one are still tied up, and thousands are forced to tramp to work through the slush in the city streets.

SOCIALISTS ARE NOT SOCIAL

Berlin, Tuesday, Feb. 4.—(By the Associated Press.)—Independent socialists interrupted telephone communication between Weimar and Eisenach and Erfurt several hours Monday, according to advices to the Tagblatt from Weimar, where the national assembly meets Thursday. An Alpine corps of a thousand men has arrived to police Weimar.

CHARTER OAK

Charter Oak, Feb. 4.—Mr. W. A. Redding made a business trip to Ocala Thursday.

Mr. T. N. Barnett made a business trip to Ocala Saturday.

Mr. C. N. Beard after a visit to his daughter, Mrs. G. C. Perry, boarded the northbound train for Jacksonville Monday.

Miss Bessie Mae Logan was the supper guest of her friend, Miss Rena Barnett Thursday evening.

Mrs. W. A. Redding and daughter, Mrs. Remington and Nancy Belle Redding and little Miss Remington made a pleasant call on Mrs. Lizzie George of Pedro Tuesday.

Miss Nancy Belle Redding was a pleasant caller on her friend, Miss Mary Ella Barnett Friday night.

Miss Nancy Belle Redding and Mrs. J. M. Remington went to Summerfield shopping Saturday.

Everybody is cordially invited to attend church at the Charter Oak school house Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night. Preaching by Rev. D. Martin.

Mr. G. C. Perry made a business trip to Weirsdale Friday.

Mrs. J. M. Remington was the dinner guest of her mother, Mrs. W. A. Redding Thursday.

Mr. W. McCordell of this place made a business trip to Ocala Thursday.

Two of Pedro's boys, Roy Norris and Hubert Wright, were seen in our community Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Will Lyles of Summerfield made a business call on Mr. T. W. Barnett Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Senn and Mrs. J. A. Scroggie made a flying trip to Ocala Thursday morning.

Mr. Clarence Lucius has received his discharge from the army and is home again. He is being welcomed by his friends.

Mr. O. Martin and sons were visiting Mr. Martin's sister, Mrs. T. W. Earnest of this place Sunday.

INVESTIGATION IS IN ORDER

Probe Will be Driven Deep Into the Sources of German Propaganda

(Associated Press)
Washington, Feb. 5.—Sweeping investigation of the Bolsheviki, I. W. W. and other propaganda was ordered unanimously today by the Senate after two hours tempestuous discussion in which several senators declared the organizations were plotting to overthrow the American government by violence.

The Senate judiciary committee which for more than a year has been investigating pro-German and brewer's propaganda was authorized by the Senate resolution to conduct the new inquiry. The committee will begin work probably next Friday.

Senators joined in impassioned denunciation of the alleged propaganda and also of the meeting held last Sunday at which the Russian soviet government was praised as superior to the American form of government.

FOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY BILLIONS OF DOLLARS

Huge Cost of the War that has Not Only Staggered but Will Long Burden Humanity

(Associated Press)
London, Feb. 5.—The direct cost of the war is estimated at forty billion pounds sterling in a special article in the Daily Telegraph. The author estimates that the indirect cost, by diminished trade and financial disturbance, is fifty billion pounds sterling.

NOT NECESSARY TO EMPLOY LAWYERS

Free Service in Presenting Claims Given by Federal Board for Vocational Education

Washington, Feb. 5.—The work of re-educating disabled men is going forward rapidly. At the close of 1918 the number registered was 12,684. Under the law, re-education can not be given unless the man is sufficiently injured to be in receipt of compensation from the war risk insurance bureau. Of these 12,000 men 3318 cases of compensation have been awarded, and 9317 cases had not been determined at that date. Since the first of the year the work has been greatly speeded in the war risk insurance bureau.

The federal reserve board for vocational education, charged by Congress with the task of fitting the disabled men to industry, is anxious to assist all disabled men who have their claims passed upon by the war risk insurance bureau, and renders the service of preparing the blank forms and bring the matter to attention, absolutely without cost to the individual.

It is not necessary for disabled men to employ lawyers for this work as it is a part of the duty of the federal board which welcomes the opportunity for service. The address is the Federal Board for Vocational Education, Washington, D. C., and there are branch offices in fourteen different cities in the United States.

A GOOD INVESTMENT

Money Given by the American People to Support United War Work

U. S. Naval Base, Cardiff, Wales, January 19, 1919.

Editor Star: I have just finished looking over a Y. M. C. A., or "Association Men" magazine. It is wonderful how generously the people "back home" have responded to calls for our comfort. Compared with the men in the trenches I have had practically no hardships, yet at every turn I find some convenience, as a result of the hospitality work, aside from the regular navy accommodations. Needless to say that these conveniences and comforts are heartily and generously participated and indulged in, and in no small degree, tend to make our war life agreeable and home like.

Although I know that every individual who has added to our comfort will be repaid many-fold, both in satisfaction and in pecuniary effects, it would be beautiful if the boys could know more what has been done for them and try to express their appreciation accordingly.

True that only comfort, love, help and no pay, reimbursement, nor thanks is even thought of, yet this little letter is only to let you know that I am not unmindful of these benevolences, and this is the only means, at present, of expressing my thanks or showing my appreciation. I am sure that I speak in behalf of all the enlisted men.

Wishing the Star and everybody a prosperous year, I remain, Very sincerely yours, G. Fred Turner, U. S. N.

STAMPING GROUND FOR SUCKERS

Millions of Dollars Taken from Visitors to Florida by Confidence Men

(Associated Press)
Chicago, Ill., Feb. 5.—Government agents, it was declared today, have started an inquiry into the operations of the "wire tapping" gang which has been operating in Florida and other parts of the South, to which wealthy tourists are attracted.

GATHERED IN THE GANG

Jacksonville, Feb. 5.—According to estimates of department of justice agents and local officials, so-called confidence men operating in Florida the past two years have "cleaned up" more than two millions. One of the biggest gangs is now thought to be under arrest here, the arrests being made near St. Augustine last week.

AFTER WIRE TAPPERS

Tampa, Feb. 5.—The federal grand jury for the Southern District of Florida, which meets Monday, is expected to take up an inquiry into alleged wire tapping activities.

WHY GERMANY WAS WHIPPED

Soldiers Who Went Home on Leave Found Their Families on the Verge of Starvation

The N. E. A. correspondent in Germany writes to his papers as follows. At least 50 times since I came back from Berlin I have been asked this question by Americans, Frenchmen or Britishers:

"Do the Germans realize they are licked?"

And my reply has been: "Yes and no."

"The men who did the actual fighting—officers and common soldiers, and their families, haven't the slightest doubt that Germany was at the end of her string when the armistice was signed and that her armies would have been annihilated if the war had gone on long enough. They know they are licked and accept the war's verdict in such a light."

"But I found while in Germany that the old junker class—the large landowners and captains of industry who had fattened and grown prosperous through the maintenance of the militarism system, won't let themselves admit that the Allies licked Germany."

"These junkers are the thick heads and reactionaries who were the financial power behind militarism who, for nearly fifty years, by controlling business and public opinion, the latter through a subservient press, were able to press-agent the masses of the entire nation into the belief that the only way the German people could prosper and grow great was by military oppression over weaker peoples. These junkers still secretly hope that the formation of a German republic will fail and that the day will come, perhaps not soon but ultimately, when Germany will go back to the old system and they will again begin rebuilding the military idea."

After my interviews with Marshal Hindenburg and Gen. Groener, the latter Ludendorff's successor, at Cassel, I had no misgiving whatever as to how they felt about the outcome of the war.

Hindenburg himself didn't appear to have an ounce of fight left in him, and, do his best, he could not hide the telltale evidence in his face that he was a broken-hearted man.

Hindenburg, I am sure, will never again advise the German people to try to conquer the world. What he said to me at Cassel convinces me he knows it can't be done. And as long as Hindenburg and his chief generals are alive I don't believe the world will have much to fear from Germany in a military war.

Groener was equally frank in admitting defeat.

"You had us completely exhausted," he said. "You cut our lines of communication and squeezed us into such a narrow bottle that we couldn't get food to our troops. We had to quit."

The best evidence I had that the masses of the German people know they are whipped and that all the fight they ever had has been taken out of them came from the common soldiers themselves.

Within a week after the armistice was signed more than 600,000 of them, I was told in Berlin, had deserted the army and had gone to their families.

Why didn't the officers arrest them and bring them back?

Because the officers were afraid of the men who had done the actual fighting.

Starving Families Urged Men to Desert
The great internal bust-up in Germany came largely through the fact that the millions of soldiers, when

GERMAN TIDE BEGAN TO EBB IN JULY

For the First Time During the War, Allies Had Superiority of Rifles on the Western Front

(Associated Press)
Washington, Feb. 5.—The total strength of the United States army November 11th, when the armistice was signed, was 3,703,273 officers and men, including the Marine Corps on duty with the army in France, war department figures today show. It was indicated that the Allies on July 1st for the first time exceeded the Germans in rifle strength and that on Nov. 1st the allied rifle strength of 1,435,000 represented odds of upwards of two to one.

A LYNCHER ACQUITTED

(Associated Press)
Tusculum, Ala., Feb. 5.—The jury in the case of Jeff Jenkins, the second of the alleged defendants charged with murder in connection with the lynching of two negroes last November, today returned a verdict of not guilty. The judge announced he would not prosee the other sixteen cases in which arrests have been made.

OKLAHAWA IMPROVEMENT

Senator Fletcher Trying to Insure \$600,000 Being Spent on that Important Stream

(Special to the Star)

Washington, Feb. 5.—As reported to the Senate by the committee on commerce, after adoption of amendments proposed by Senator Fletcher, chairman of the committee, the annual rivers and harbors bill carries total appropriations of \$618,700 for Florida projects, an increase of \$436,000 over the bill as it passed the House of Representatives. This increase carries \$32,000 additional for maintenance and \$404,000 additional for improvement of new and existing projects.

If the Oklawaha river project is adopted, it means that the government is committed to an improvement that will require the expenditure of some \$600,000 more than the \$100,000 appropriated by the present amendment; so that the real benefits to Florida waterways carried by the commerce committee amendments amount to an increase over the bill as it passed the House of \$1,036,000.

The House bill carried \$173,700 for maintenance and \$9000 for improvement of Florida projects, a total of \$182,700. The Fletcher amendments adopted by the Senate committee increase these amounts to \$282,000 for maintenance and \$336,700 for improvement.

ONE OF THE WILDCATS

Editor Star: Just a line to let you know that I am well and getting along fine, only I am somewhat homesick; in fact, all of us are. I wrote you some time ago to continue my paper. I am lost without the old Ocala Star, but I haven't received it yet. Probably it was lost as most all my mail was lost. If my time is out just send me the bill and I will mail you francs to cover same, but be sure and send the paper. Give my best regards to everybody. Private

Private Edward O. Marshall, Bat. A, 16th Field Artillery, 81st (Wildcat) Division, St. Blin, France.

they went home on leave, found their wives and children starving and they went back to the trenches thinking: "What am I fighting for and what will I get out of it if Germany wins? Nothing. The Kaiser and the junkers will get everything."

That is one reason why, in the last days of the war hundreds of thousands of Germans quit cold and surrendered at the first opportunity, refusing to fight."

And I had wives tell me they had advised their husbands to surrender! What the world has to fear is the junker class—the Krupps and landed business aristocracy who made millions out of the war. They want the good old days—for them—to come back. They've been kicked out of power for the present but they're fomenting trouble. They don't want a republic.

The folks who have grabbed the reins are anything but militarists. They'll likely keep on fighting among themselves for some time but they don't want any more world fights because they know Germany's only chance for the future lies in behaving herself.

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